Consideration and return of the Appropriation Bills relating to the following Demands, after they have been passed by Lok Sabha:-	8 Hours
Demands for Grants on Account (General) for 2006-07.	(To be discussed together.)
Supplementary Demands for Grants (General) for 2005-06; and Demands for Excess Grants (General) for 2003-04.	
Consideration and passing of the Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2006.	2 Hours

The Committee also recommended that the House may sit up to 6.00 P.M. and beyond, as and when necessary, for the transaction of Government Legislative and other Business.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, statement regarding Government Business. Mr. Minister.

STATEMENT REGARDING GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुरेश पचौरी) : महोदय, आपकी अनुमति से मैं यह सूचित करता हूं कि सोमवार, 6 मार्च, 2006 से प्रारम्भ होने वाले सप्ताह के दौरान निम्नलिखित सरकारी कार्य लिया जाएगा :

आज की कार्यसूची से बकाया सरकारी कार्य की किसी मद पर विचार ।

वर्ष 2006-07 के लिए रेल बजट पर सामान्य चर्चा ।

लोक सभा द्वारा पारित किए जाने के पश्चात निम्निलिखित मांगों से संबंधित विनियोग विधेयकों पर विचार और लौटाना :-

(क) वर्ष 2006-07 के लिए लेखानुदान मांगे (रेल)

(ख) वर्ष 2005-06 के लिए अनुपूरक अनुदान मांगे (रेल), तथा

(ग) वर्ष 2003-04 के लिए अतिरिक्त अनुदान मांगें (रेल)

वर्ष 2006-07 के लिए सामान्य बजट पर सामान्य चर्चा ।

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(ग) वर्ष 2003-04 के लिए अतिरिक्त अनुदान मांगें (सामान्य)

MATTERS RAISED WITH PERMISSION

Problums faced by the Handtoom Weavers of Andhra Pradesh

SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Mr Deputy Chairman, Sir, I am thankful to you for permitting me to raise an important issue pertaining to Andhra Pradesh. Sir, handloom weavers in Andhra Pradesh are facing a lot of difficulties. They are in real distress. There are a number of schemes from the Central Government and the State Government but most of them remain only on paper. There is a report in the newspapers that an organisation called CHIP has gone into the details of starvation deaths and suicides of handloom weavers. There have been 432 deaths between 22nd May, 2004 and 13* August, 2005. Deaths are mostly in Nakjonda - 17$, Parkasam - 63, Karimnagar - 79, Medak - 58, Warangal - 18, and there are many other districts where handloom weavers have committed suicide. This is basically due to two or three reasons. One is earlier the Government of India used to give 20 per cent rebate during festivals. Now it has been reduced to 10 per cent. Earlier it used to be for 100 days and now it has been reduced to 60 days. I request the Government of India to look into it. The other one is that they are providing Rs.40,000 for house-cum-work-shed to the handloom weavers. This amount is not at all sufficient. This is inadequate. The third one is Janata Cloth Scheme for which earlier the Goverpment of India used to give 30 per cent subsidy and the State Government used to give 20 per cent and by virtue of that, on 50 per cent cost people used to get Janata Cloth and handloom weavers used to get a lot of work. Now that scheme has been disbanded. By virtue of these schemes, people used to get some vocation and livelihood. Now, it is totally stopped. Sir, the *ex gratia* announced by the State Government is also not paid to them by saying that there is no post mortem report or by giving some other silly reasons. So, they are refusing them *ex* gratia also. I demand that the Government comes forward and makes a package especially for the weavers of Andhra Pradesh. They have come all the way from East Godavari and they have covered a distance of 2400 kms by walk. They reached Delhi yesterday. We met the hon. Minster